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SUBJECT: **POWER CASCADE (SFEX)**

CROSS REFERENCE: **CARES Guide**, Section 1, Chapter 5B

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2001

PURPOSE

This Operations memo will introduce a new process in CARES (SFEX) and 2 new CARES screens (SFCS and SFIC)

BACKGROUND

To determine eligibility in CARES, workers currently run the process SFED, which involves SFU (Standard Filing Unit) and EDBC (Eligibility Determination and Benefit Calculation) subsystems.

SFED then "loops" between SFU and EDBC until all members of the household has had food stamps, Child Care, W-2 and Medicaid eligibility explored completely. Workers must press [ENTER] for each loop.
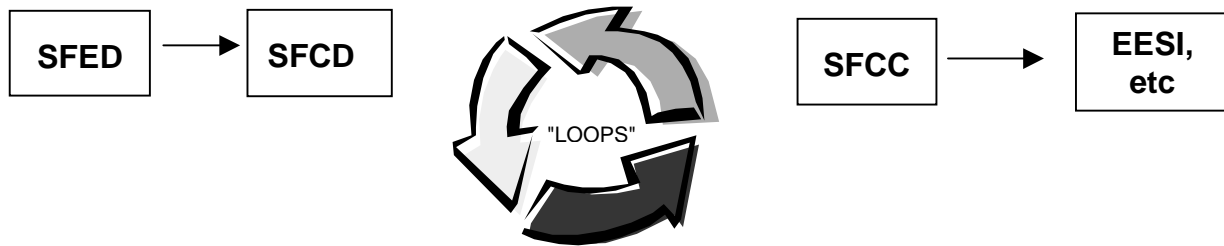
INTRODUCING THE 'POWER CASCADE'

Effective May 26, 2001, workers will now have a choice between SFED and the new Power Cascade process, SFEX. When a worker runs SFEX there are no visible stops between "loops". There are also, now, 2 new screens which will display what happened after either SFEX or SFED has been run.
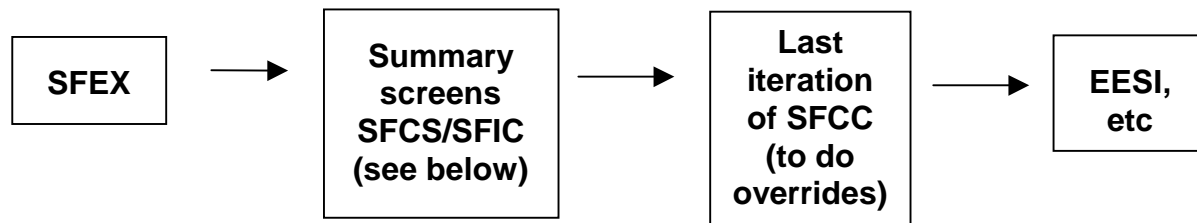
NOTE: When SFEX is invoked, it will take a minute to complete while the background transactions process. Workers will note that this is similar to ACSM (simulation). Overall elapsed time for SFEX is expected to be shorter than that for SFED.

SFCS (SFU CASCADE SUMMARY) SCREEN

Summary screen SFCS will contain each determination in the cascade for MA, as well as the determination for Food Stamps (FS), Child Care (CC), and Wisconsin Works (W-2). It will be scheduled immediately following the SFEX run. It can also be tranned to directly by using the case number in the PARMS once SFED/SFEX has been run on a case at least once.

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SFCS                 STANDARD FILING UNIT CASCADE SUMMARY        04/24/01 09:44
CASE: 3000269037                                 WORKER: XCT625    XCT625 E RYAN

                      PAYMENT    PAYMENT     AG      ELIG     AG REASON CODES
  S  RUN  CAT   SEQ  BEG DATE   END DATE   STATUS  STATUS  S RSN1  S RSN2  S RSN3
     01   CC Z  01   06 01 01                DE      F      _ 054
          CC Z  01   05 01 01   05 31 01     DE      F      _ 054
          CC Z  01   04 01 01   04 30 01     DE      F      _ 054
  _  01   FS    01   06 01 01                OP      S
     01   WW Z  01   06 01 01                DE      F      _ 054
          WW Z  01   05 01 01   05 31 01     DE      F      _ 054
          WW Z  01   04 01 01   04 30 01     DE      F      _ 054
  S  01   MA U  01   06 01 01                OP      S




  ------------------------------INDIVIDUALS----------------------------------
  01 GUY   D (PP )    03 WIFE  D (WIF)   02 BOY   D (SON)


NEXT TRAN: ____     PARMS: 3000269037_____
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FIELD S

This field allows workers to select a specific run of eligibility for the selected program of assistance to view detailed individual participation status information on screen SFIC (Individual Composition Summary). Acceptable entries in this field are either "X" or "S". Only one item can be selected at a time.

Categories of assistance which end with X or Z (e.g. CC Z) can **not** be selected.

After going to the SFIC screen from SFCS through the select field, pressing [ENTER] will return to SFCS.

RUN

Displays the eligibility run (loop) number for the assistance group. For W-2, CC, and FS AGs, there will be only 1 run number (01) since there is no "cascade" for these programs. For Medicaid subprograms, the run number represents each determination (or "loop") in the cascade.

> **Example**: When an MA case has too much income for regular MA and cascades to categorically needy Healthy Start, MAR will be run 1, MAOR will be run 2, and MHSC will be run 3. More than 1 MA AG can be determined on a single run, for example if the case above also had a parent eligible for BadgerCare, run 3 might determine both MHSC (for the child) and BC (for the adult).

SEQ

Sequence numbers are used to uniquely identify different AGs within the same category in the case. The example below shows multiple runs (loops) and multiple sequences (FFU).

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SFCS              STANDARD FILING UNIT CASCADE SUMMARY      05/02/01 13:29
CASE: 9700220796                              WORKER: XCTG04   XCTG04 P KIERN

                    PAYMENT    PAYMENT     AG      ELIG      AG REASON CODES
  S  RUN  CAT  SEQ  BEG DATE   END DATE  STATUS  STATUS  S RSN1   S RSN2   S RSN3
  _  07   NAOR  02  06 01 01              MD      S       _ 014
  _  07   NAOR  03  06 01 01              MD      S       _ 014
  _  07   NHSP  01  06 01 01              OP      S
  _  08   BC    01  06 01 01              PE      P       _ 294   _ 066   _ 030
  _  08   NAOR  02  06 01 01              PE      P       _ 014
  _  08   NAOR  03  06 01 01              PE      P       _ 014
  _  08   NHSP  01  06 01 01              OP      S




  ------------------------------INDIVIDUALS----------------------------------
   01 HALLO W (PP )    02 TRICK O (DAU)    03 GHOST A (DAU)
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AG STATUS

Displays the status of the assistance group. Displayed values will be:

    CL = Closed
    DE = Denied
    MD = MA Unmet Deductible
    OP = Open
    PE = Pended

ELIG STATUS

Displays the eligibility status of the assistance group as a whole. Results will be S – PASS, F – FAIL or P – PEND.

AG REASON CODES

Displays up to 3 AG level reasons for failure, MD status or reduction in benefits.

FIELD S

This field allows workers to select an AG level reason code to view the short and long text from the Common Utility Reason Description screen (CURD). Acceptable entries are either "X" or "S". Pressing [ENTER] will take you to CURD. After being taken to the CURD screen from SFCS, pressing [ENTER] again will take you directly back to the SFCS screen.

If you select on the right next to the failure reason, you will be taken to CURD to see the failure
reason text for that reason code:

```
SFCS              STANDARD FILING UNIT CASCADE SUMMARY        04/24/01 09:44
CASE: 3000269037                              WORKER: XCT625    XCT625 E RYAN

                       PAYMENT    PAYMENT      AG     ELIG    AG REASON CODES
  S  RUN  CAT   SEQ   BEG DATE   END DATE   STATUS  STATUS  S RSN1  S RSN2  S RSN3
     01   CC Z  01    06 01 01                DE      F     s 054
          CC Z  01    05 01 01   05 31 01     DE      F     _ 054
          CC Z  01    04 01 01   04 30 01     DE      F     _ 054
  _  01   FS    01    06 01 01                OP      S
     01   WW Z  01    06 01 01                DE      F     _ 054
          WW Z  01    05 01 01   05 31 01     DE      F     _ 054
          WW Z  01    04 01 01   04 30 01     DE      F     _ 054
  _  01   MA U  01    06 01 01                OP      S




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   01 GUY   D (PP )    03 WIFE  D (WIF)    02 BOY   D (SON)


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CURD              REASON CODE DESCRIPTION MAINTENANCE         04/24/01 10:01
                                                              XCT625 E RYAN

REASON CODE: 054

EFFECTIVE: BEGIN DATE: 02 26 2001               END DATE: 12 31 9999

                             DESCRIPTION
LANGUAGE: E ENGLISH


SHORT:  Declined this type of aid._____

LONG:   You did not ask for this type of assistance._____
        _____
        _____
        _____




PF5: REFRESH PF15: SAVE PF20: CURC PF21: CULC
NEXT TRAN: ____     PARMS: /054_____
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After being taken to the CURD screen from SFCS, pressing [ENTER] again will take you
directly back to the SFCS screen.

Pressing [ENTER] again will return you to the driver and the next screen scheduled will be SFCC:

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SFCC                    SFU COMPOSITION CHANGE            04/26/01 08:12
CASE: 3000269037             WORKER: XCT625            XCT625 E RYAN

PAYMENT BEGIN DATE: 06 01 01  PAYMENT END DATE: __ __ __
CAT: CC Z                     SEQ: 01 ELIG STATUS: FAIL REASONS: 054

SFU PART COMP TRGT        SFU PART COMP TRGT        SFU PART COMP TRGT
MBR STS  CHG              MBR STS  CHG              MBR STS  CHG
01  XA   ___   _          02  XC   ___   _          03  XA   ___   _







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  01 GUY   D (PP )   03 WIFE  D (WIF)   02 BOY   D (SON)


NEXT TRAN: ____      PARMS: 3000269037_____ MORE...
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SFIC (SFU INDIVIDUAL COMPOSITION SUMMARY) SCREEN

The individual composition summary screen SFIC displays the system determined original participation status results from SFU and the final participation status results from EDBC for a selected run, category of assistance (including subcategory) and sequence. When running SFEX, you can get to SFIC by selecting ("X" or "S") that AG through the select field on SFCS. After being taken to the SFIC screen from SFCS, pressing [ENTER] will take you directly back to the SFCS screen.

SFIC can also be tranned to directly by entering the case/cat/seq/run in the PARMS after eligibility has been determined at least once.

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SFIC                 INDIVIDUAL COMPOSITION SUMMARY       04/24/01 09:55
CASE: 3000269037                       WORKER: XCT625    XCT625 E RYAN
RUN: 01 CAT: MA U SEQ: 01
PMT DT  ------------------ INDIVIDUAL ----------------------------------
AG STS  ----------- ORIGINAL PARTICIPATION STATUS ----------------------
        -------------- FINAL PARTICIPATION STATUS ---------------------
060101  01 02 03
OPEN    EA EC EA
        EA EC EA




------------------------------- INDIVIDUALS -----------------------------
  01 GUY   D (PP )   03 WIFE  D (WIF)   02 BOY   D (SON)


NEXT TRAN: ____      PARMS: 3000269037/MA U/01/01_____
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SEQ

Sequence numbers are used to uniquely identify different standard filing units with the same category within the case.

AG STS

Displays the status of the assistance group. Displayed values will be: CLOSED, DENIED, M DED, OPEN, and PEND.

INDIVIDUAL

Displays the shortlist number of the individual as displayed under the INDIVIDUALS portion of the screen.

ORIGINAL PARTICIPATION STATUS

This is the top row of eligibility determinations immediately below the row of short list number(s).This displays the original participation status as determined by SFU. This determination represents predominantly non-financial eligibility factors. Valid values are found in table TPTC.

FINAL PARTICIPATION STATUS

This is the second row of eligibility determinations below the row of short list number(s). This displays the final participation status as determined by EDBC. This determination represents all eligibility factors, including all non-financial and financial factors. Valid values are found in table TPTC.

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